

La Puente, East Trail in Finals

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TO SPRINGFIELD Bullets Depart Tomorrow For Connie Mack Finals

The Tordena Bullets will go for the big prize this week—the Connie Mack League baseball championship of the United States.

Eight teams stand between Tordena and the Connie Mack crown in Springfield, Ill. The Bullets will leave Los Angeles early tomorrow morning for the double elimination tournament.

Tordena, winner of the Pacific Southwestern Regional championship last weekend, is still having financial difficulties regarding the championship tourney.

The national Connie Mack association will pay expenses for 16 people back to Springfield, but Bullet manager Bob Prior feels he has 20 deserving players and coaches.

TO DATE, Prior has many promises but only \$100 in actual cash. He estimates the four extra passengers would require \$1,000. Tordena will fly to the tournament and then take a train back to Torrance.

Volunteers with money, not promises, may contact Prior at DA 3-1992.

During last weekend's Regional Tournament, Tordena racked up two wins over the Hanford Saints, champions of Northern California, and a pair of triumphs against the Reno Mets, champs of Nevada. Reno was the only team to upend the Bullets during the five-game tourney.

BULLET centerfielder Hoagy Wong picked up the tourney's Most Valuable Player award after finishing with a .474 batting average for 19 at bats and making several fantastic catches.

The Bullets had eight men hitting .400 during the tournament and finished with a .375 team batting average. Tordena collected 45 runs on 63 hits during the five games.

John Marsden was the top-hitting regular with a .500 mark for 22 at bats. Mike Engle and Mike Long also reached the .500 mark.

Tordena opened the tournament with a 5-1 victory over Hanford as Wong and Mike Brooks each picked up two hits to back up Jay Baker's four-hit hurling. Baker struck out seven and walked but five men.

In the second game, the Bullets allowed seven unearned runs on six errors as Reno managed an 8-6 victory.

MARSDEN, who doubled for Tordena, was tagged with the loss although he struck out seven and walked but two.

Forced to meet Hanford again the Bullets hammered 15 safeties and romped to a 16-5 decision as Rod Poteete corralled the victory. Steve Sogge belted a home run for Tordena and Jack Crist tripled. Crist finished with four RBIs.

The Bullets then came back and handed Reno its first loss of the tourney, 10-5, as Jay Baker and Poteete split mound duties. Poteete wound up with the win. Derry Deravin clubbed four RBIs for the Bullets on two safeties.

In the championship game, Tordena and Reno tangled again, and the Bullets collected 17 hits, an 8-3 victory and a trip to the Connie Mack World Series.

Hal "Buster" Smith limited Reno to six hits while fanning five and walking two. Marsden and Mike Engle each secured two RBIs for the winners. Deravin and Butch Nickoloff led the Bullet offensive with three hits each.

Grunion to Run On Area Shores

It's now or "wait till next year" for the Southland's herds of dedicated grunion hunters.

The Department of Fish and Game today reminded this hardy breed that the last four-night grunion run of 1964 is scheduled to begin tomorrow on the sandy ocean beaches of Southern California.

Spawning runs lasting about an hour each are expected to start at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow, 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, midnight Wednesday, and 1 a.m. Thursday.

Habitual seekers of the elusive, silvery, smelt-like little fish are painfully aware that grunion may not run right on schedule on every likely beach or on every night they are supposed to run, or they may even pick a night when they're not expected.

PERSEVERANCE, sharp eyes, fortitude and just plain luck often pay off in a delicious fish dinner, however, and grunion aficionados are expected to be out in force for this last chance on their favorite beaches from Baja California to Pismo Beach.

Grunion may be taken on the beach or in the surf by hand only. It is unlawful to trap fish by digging holes in the sand. A sportfishing license is required for persons 16 years old and over.

There is no bag limit on grunion, says the DFG, but don't take more than you can use. Grunion are tasty morsels when scaled and fried fresh, especially after a cold night on the beach.

Claimers Will Run At Ascot

The prospect of a different main event winner for the fourth consecutive time will highlight California Auto Racing action this afternoon at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Nester Sylvara of Torrance was the first driver to dominate CAR claimer competition, but in the past two main events, first place honors have gone to Gene Naylor of Wilmington and Leon Garrett of Lawndale.

Among the drivers out to uphold the "no repeat" tradition will be John Querro, Inglewood; Nick Thomas, Los Angeles; Ross Boardman, Burbank; and Jim Penney, Monrovia.

THE WRONG-WAY steeplechase event will feature the afternoon. The claimers will go clockwise on the quarter-mile oval and face a dangerous steeplechase in addition.

CAR president Art Atkinson said a field of 20 drivers has been assigned to the dangerous event.

Recreation Results

CITY SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT
Quarter Finals
Rick's Bar 5, Morris Union 7 2
Wild Mustangs 13, Rose Bud Dairy 5
Semi-Finals
St. Lawrence 5, Tigers 2
Wild Mustangs 7, Rick's Bar 5
Erezers 12, St. Lawrence 2
Championship
Wild Mustangs 6, Erezers 8



BIG BITE . . . A member of the national-champion Tokyo Little League team samples his first American hamburger during a two-day stopover in Torrance. The team, 14 strong, left Friday for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.



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Pop Warner Prexy

WRITTEN SUPPORT . . . A 15-foot telegram was received in Torrance Thursday by Western Union as residents of Chico banded together to send support for their Little League team which competed in the Western Regional Tournament over the weekend. Despite the support, Chico was eliminated from the tourney Thursday night as La Puente earned a 9-1 win behind Steve Hanley's no-hit pitching. Displaying the telegram are Mrs. Irvin R. Linson and Steven Teglas of Western Union.

MISINFORMATION Boating Newcomers Hold Many False Impressions

Newcomers to boating bring with them preconceived notions that are often tragically inaccurate. A common one is that the wakes of large ships may be enormous and deadly.

This isn't at all so, say boating experts. When encountered in pleasure boating waters, large ships proceed at reduced speed for safety's sake, often so slow that wakes are next to non-existent. The closer they come to shore, the slower they move.

While one should study the speed of a freighter or liner encountered some miles outside a harbor, and give it ample berth if it's obviously moving briskly, there's little to be concerned about in harbors and close to shore.

The real wave-makers of the commercial fleet are short, stubby, deep-draft craft such as tugs, loaded barges and big commercial fishing craft. Their bulky hulls plow along, pushing up waves bigger than you'll ever see coming from a ship. But they know they're responsible for the damage caused by their wakes, so they move at reasonable speed in confined waters.

Still, on rare occasions you may encounter such a craft moving rapidly. Don't be alarmed, just be cautious. The bigger its waves are, the more rounded their crests and troughs in relation to your boat's size. Though you will have some exciting swoops and dips, your boat will take such waves with aplomb if kept headed into them.

Naval craft are the speedsters among the big fellows, and they can drag enormous wakes. But at full speed they need the open sea's maneuvering space.

Only during a rare test run or some sort of emergency is the average small-boat man apt to pass near a naval vessel under full power.

Should you ever see one coming your way swiftly, the best course would be to pull as far away as possible before the wake catches up with you, then turn into it. It'll be big—but well-rounded as a reasonable distance from its source. Your boat will be able to handle it.

Hanley Throws No-Hit Victory For La Puente

One-sided preliminary triumphs landed La Puente and East Trails, British Columbia, in yesterday's championship game of the Western Regional Little League Tournament at Torrance's Garrett Field.

La Puente reached the finals via a 9-1, no hit triumph over Chico Thursday evening. East Trails moved into the championship contest with a 15-7 romp over Roswell, New Mexico, on Friday.

Steve Hanley uncorked a dazzling no-hitter for La Puente in its preliminary clash. Hanley struck out 14 men and walked only two in chalking up his near perfect game.

DESPITE Hanley's perfection, Chico took a 1-0 lead in the top half of the third inning on an unearned run. Hanley then settled down and retired the final 10 men in order.

Five free passes by Rick Souza, Chico's starting and losing hurler, plus a single by Danny Dominguez, ignited a five-run La Puente surge in the fourth inning that settled the contest.

The rally came after La Puente had tied the score in the bottom of third on singles by Billy Jensen, Dominguez and Jim Hybbard.

An ability to come from behind earned East Trails a berth in the championship contest. The Canadians rallied twice to whip Roswell in a wild slugging battle.

Peterson Will Head Grid Loop

West High School coach Fred Peterson has been elected president of the Torrance Pop Warner Football Association for the 1964 season.

Peterson will take over the reins from Jack Jasper, who served as prexy throughout the 1963 year.

Other elected board officers include vice president Lee Haley, treasurer Paul Kohl, record secretary Rea Tucker, corresponding secretary Richard Banaszynski, athletic director Richard Schwanbeck, publicity director Ben Wallace, purchasing agent Joe Carter and ways and means head Louise Amos.

EAST TRAILS countered six times in the second inning and nine times in a marathon fourth frame to take the win. Roswell grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the first stanza, tied the score in the third frame and momentarily went ahead in the fourth inning.

In its first inning, Roswell tallied when Butch Barnett walked with one out, Ray Parker slipped a pop fly into right field and Barnett scored on a resultant overthrow.

East Trails came back in the second with two men out. Don Main walked and stole second. Terry McDougall and Gordon Lindsey then walked to load the sacks. David Palmer walked to force in a run and tie the score and Norm Larmour doubled to center field for two more tallies.

Red Tide Condition Hits Area

One of the worst red water conditions in recent years is resulting in a massive die-off of fish, mostly anchovies, along the coast of Southern California, the Department of Fish and Game has reported.

Hardest hit of all surveyed areas, says the DFG, is the vicinity of Marina del Rey, where an estimated 1,000 tons of anchovies have died of oxygen deficiency caused by the red water.

Lesser numbers of ocean perch, croakers and other species have also succumbed.

San Pedro Bay, in the area near Fish Harbor and the U.S. Navy Base, has also been the scene of an extensive die-off, with an estimated 100 tons of fish victimized.

Isolated fish kills have been reported from other areas up and down the Southland coast but none apparently reached the intensity of the San Pedro Bay-Marina del Rey die-offs.



FOREIGN CHAMPS . . . Members of the Tokyo, Japan, Little League championship team are greeted by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (second from left), Board of Education member Bert Lynn and John Schnepf, director of the Western Regional Little League Tournament which concluded yesterday at Garrett Field in Torrance.